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In re Application of	:	
Ralph M. Pidock	:	
Application No. 10/066,904	:	ON PETITION
Filed: February 4, 2002	:	
Attorney Docket No. 288	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed October 25, 2004.

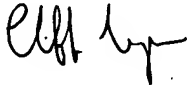
The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a response to the non-final Office action mailed April 22, 2003. This Office action set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months. No extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on July 23, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on December 16, 2003.

Petitioner has paid the petition fee, submitted the required reply in the form of an amendment, and made the proper statement of unintentional delay.

The application file is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 3727 for consideration of the amendment filed October 25, 2004.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

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